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Related Application Information

This application is a division of USPN 6,420,176, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 60/058,933, filed September 15, 1997, both of which are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

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Drug combinations that are effective to at least temporarily inhibit HIV replication are known. The inventors have shown that drug combinations including hydroxyurea, one or more reverse transcriptase inhibitors and, optionally, one or more protease inhibitors are particularly effective, and, for some patients, allow the possibility of stopping drug treatment for extended periods of time. See USSN 09/056,691, filed Apr. 8, 1998, U.S. Patent No. 5,977,086, "Method of Inhibiting HIV by Combined Use of Hydroxyurea, a Nucleoside Analog, and a Protease Inhibitor, USSN 09/048,886 filed Mar. 26, 1998, U.S. Patent No. 6,251,874 Method of Inhibiting HIV using Hydroxyurea and Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor *in vivo* and USSN 09/048,576, filed March 26, 1998, Method of Rendering a HIV Population Replication Incompetent *in vivo*, (abn) all of which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. The present invention includes the treatment of a patient with active HIV infection with an appropriate drug combination until the viral load in the blood has reached a suitably low level, less than about 50,000 copies per ml, preferably less than 10,000 copies per ml, more preferably less than 200-500 copies per ml. The patient is then vaccinated using the present invention while the drug combination suppresses replication of the wild-type virus.